

ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION-CERTIFICATION UNIT

PROVISIONAL CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION (CTE)

AGRICULTURE K-12 CERTIFICATE

- **All requirements for the Provisional CTE Agriculture Certificate must be met.** The provisional certificate is valid for two years and is renewable once for two years. **Fees are not refundable.**

1. A valid Arizona Fingerprint Clearance Card (plastic) issued by the Arizona Department of Public Safety at (602) 223-2279.
2. Option A, B, C or D:

Option A:

1. A Bachelor's degree or higher from an accredited institution. Official transcript(s) required.
2. 30 semester hours of courses in agriculture with at least 5 semester hours of courses in three of the following areas: animal science, plant science including soils, agricultural engineering or mechanics, economics or agricultural economics, or agricultural or natural resources.
3. Two hundred forty clock hours of [verified experience](#) in agriculture occupations (approved occupation areas are listed below).

Option B:

1. A valid Arizona Standard Secondary Teaching Certificate.
2. **One year** of the most recent teacher evaluation(s) approved by a certificated administrator, or the administrator's designee, in a secondary school setting and issued during the term of the Arizona Standard Secondary Teaching Certificate exhibiting satisfactory performance in the classroom.
3. 3 semester hours of courses in career and technical agricultural education methods.
4. Four hundred eighty clock hours of [verified experience](#) in agriculture occupations (approved occupation areas are listed below).

Option C:

1. Six thousand clock hours of [verified experience](#) in agriculture occupations (approved occupation areas are listed below).

Option D:

1. A valid teaching certificate in Career and Technical Agriculture Education from another state.

NOTE: If you otherwise qualify for the certificate but are deficient in Arizona and/or U.S. Constitution you have **three years** under a valid teaching certificate to fulfill the requirement, except that if you are teaching an academic course on history, government, social studies, citizenship, law, or civics, you have **one year** to fulfill the requirement.

1. Arizona Constitution (a college course or the appropriate examination).
2. U.S. Constitution (a college course or the appropriate examination).

RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PROVISIONAL CTE AGRICULTURE K-12 CERTIFICATE

- **All requirements for renewal of the Provisional CTE Agriculture Certificate must be met. Fees are not refundable.**
1. A Provisional CTE Certificate shall be renewed once for 2 years upon completion of 9 semester hours of courses required for the Standard CTE Agriculture Certificate. Courses should be completed since the most recent issuance of the provisional certificate.
 2. A passing score on the secondary professional knowledge portion of the Arizona Educator Proficiency Assessment.

APPROVED AGRICULTURE OCCUPATION AREAS:

Agriculture, agriculture operations, and related sciences; natural resources and conservation; environmental design; landscape architecture; agricultural biological engineering and bioengineering; forest engineering, biological and biomedical sciences; parks, recreation and leisure studies; geological and earth sciences/geosciences; veterinary/animal health technology/technician and veterinary assistant; environmental health; veterinary medicine; veterinary biomedical and clinical sciences; and veterinary residency programs.

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REQUIREMENTS FOR THE STANDARD CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION (CTE) AGRICULTURE K-12 CERTIFICATE

- **All requirements for the Standard CTE Agriculture Certificate must be met.** The standard certificate is valid for six years and is renewable for six years. **Fees are not refundable.**

1. A valid Arizona Fingerprint Clearance Card (plastic) issued by the Arizona Department of Public Safety at (602) 223-2279.
2. A passing score on the secondary professional knowledge portion of the Arizona Educator Proficiency Assessment.
3. Option A, B, C, or D:

Option A:

1. Qualification under Option A for the Provisional CTE Agriculture Certificate.
2. 21 semester hours of courses, to include the following areas: methods of teaching agriculture, curriculum and materials of instruction, career and technical education classroom management including laboratory safety, operation of a career and technical student organization, experiential education.
3. A practicum in agriculture in grades K-12. **Two years** of verified full-time experience teaching agriculture in grades K-12 may substitute for the practicum. (Please submit a letter on official letterhead from District Superintendent or Personnel Director to verify experience.)

Option B:

1. Qualification under Option B for the Provisional CTE Agriculture Certificate.
2. **Two years** of teacher evaluation(s) approved by a certificated administrator, or the administrator's designee, in a secondary school setting and issued during the term of the Arizona Provisional CTE Agriculture Certificate exhibiting satisfactory performance in the classroom.
3. 15 semester hours of courses to include:
 - a. 9 semester hours of courses in agriculture subject knowledge;
 - b. 3 semester hours of courses in career and technical education classroom management including laboratory safety;
 - c. 3 semester hours of courses in the operation of a career and technical student organization.

Option C:

1. Qualification under Option C for the Provisional CTE Agriculture Certificate.
2. **Two years** of teacher evaluation(s) approved by a certificated administrator, or the administrator's designee, in a secondary school setting and issued during the term of the Arizona Provisional CTE Agriculture Certificate exhibiting satisfactory performance in the classroom.
3. 15 semester hours of courses in professional knowledge to include any of the following areas: principles/philosophy of career and technical education, operation of a career and technical student organization, methods of teaching agriculture, curriculum design/development, instructional design/methodology, assessment/evaluation, instructional technology, educational philosophy, or career and technical education classroom management including laboratory safety.
4. 9 semester hours of courses in agriculture subject knowledge.

Option D:

1. Qualification under Option D for the Provisional CTE Agriculture Certificate.
2. **Two years** of teacher evaluation(s) approved by a certificated administrator, or the administrator's designee, in a secondary school setting and issued during the term of the Arizona Provisional CTE Agriculture Certificate exhibiting satisfactory performance in the classroom.

RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS FOR THE STANDARD CTE AGRICULTURE K-12 CERTIFICATE

- **All requirements for renewal of the Standard CTE Agriculture Certificate must be met. Fees are not refundable.**

1. A Standard CTE Agriculture Certificate may be renewed within six months before it expires. Renewal of this certificate requires the completion of 180 clock hours of professional development or 12 semester hours of coursework posted on official transcripts after the most recent issuance or renewal of the certificate.

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